Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : In answer to part (c) it is stated, "that there is difficulty about accommodation and premises for the additional classes". May I know whether if any private agency starts a school grant will be given ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : That is a matter of future policy.

Alleppey-Changanacherry road and canal.

14. **Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Alleppey-Changanacherry road and canal construction work has been taken up in 1117 ; and

(*b*) if so, what progress has been made till Mithunam 1117?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : In view of the fact that there is provision in the Budget for 1117 may I know why the work was not taken up ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : The Land acquisition has not yet been completed. The Land acquisition for the canal has been finished. But the road construction can be taken up only when all the lands are acquired.

FELICITATIONS TO THE OFFICIATING DEWAN.

Members had tabled the following motions of felicitations to the officiating Dewan.

1. MR. JAMES FLETCHER : This House tenders its heartfelt congratulations to Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai on his well-merited appointment as the Officiating Dewan of Travancore by His Most Gracious Highness the Maharaja and wishes him every success.

2. MR. E. K. KURIYPPE : This House offers its heartfelt congratulations to Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai on his appointment as Officiating Dewan and wishes him all success.

3. MR. N. KRISHNA AIYAR : This Council heartily congratulates and felicitates the Officiating Dewan-President Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai who has been the Official Leader of this House, on his well-merited appointment as the Officiating Dewan of Travancore and accords to him a cordial welcome as the President of this Council and wishes him brilliant success in his new and high office.

4. MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI : This Council places on record its hearty congratulations to Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai on His Gracious Highness the Maharaja being pleased to repose in him great confidence and appoint him as Officiating Dewan ; and assures him all sincere co-operation in his labours to serve this historic land.

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